

HONORING ASMA PATEL FOR
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Asma Patel is a board-certified attorney who has diligently served and continues to serve the Osceola County community. Ms. Patel holds dual degrees with honors in Psychology and Legal Studies as well as a Juris Doctor degree. During her law school career, Ms. Patel was a student ambassador, mentor, and the President of the Muslim Law School Association at her alma mater. She honed her dispute resolution skills by competing in and ultimately winning first place in an International Law School Mediation Tournament. During this time, she continued to demonstrate her dedication to serving her community as a guardian ad item fellow. In this role, she played a crucial role as a representative for abused, abandoned, and/or neglected children.

Ms. Patel has spearheaded community initiatives aimed at ending domestic violence. As a certified domestic abuse victim advocate, she has assisted survivors in crisis by providing essential resources and support. In an effort to create awareness, she has hosted family empowerment seminars and tabled at events aimed at tackling domestic abuse.

Through mentorship, extensive networking, and volunteerism, Ms. Patel has worked with marginalized and vulnerable communities, striving to bring light and change to the social injustices that plague them. Most recently, she has begun to help address the issue of inaccessibility to feminine hygiene products by providing these products to local Title I schools. Ms. Patel's bridge the gap initiatives in Osceola County are inspired by her desire to take action that empowers women to be courageous in the pursuit of their dreams.

HONORING LILLIAN TAMAYO

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lillian Tamayo, a distinguished local health care advocate, on her recent retirement. For more than 20 years, Lillian has been a champion for women, teens, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community across South Florida. She worked tirelessly to increase their access to and awareness of quality affordable health care services.

As President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida, Lillian expanded the organization's reach to eight of the state's most diverse counties and broadened its services to historically overlooked groups. One of the most successful initiatives that she led, La Promesa, engaged Latina women who were previously underserved in South Florida.

During the most difficult times in the abortion movement, Lillian stood strong and fearlessly led in the fight for reproductive freedom. She advocated in federal court to block past

Florida laws designed to limit abortions. Lillian also fought to extend health services and counseling options to South Florida teens and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. As a result of her advocacy, Planned Parenthood is now a judgement-free zone where young people can go to receive HIV and STI screenings, hormone therapy, discuss birth control options, and receive mental health counseling.

Lillian's dedication to health care access and education is truly admirable. Her work has created a space in which women and men across Florida can feel safe for years to come. I am proud to celebrate her today and wish her the very best on her retirement.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMPTON UNIVERSITY CHOIR

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Hampton University Choir on its 150th anniversary.

The Hampton University Choir was established in 1870 as the Hampton Singers just a few years after Hampton University was founded in 1868 as the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute. Since then, Hampton University has continued to break new ground in academic achievement as one of Virginia's top Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The university's motto is "The Standard of Excellence, an Education for Life", and that is exactly what the Hampton University Choir has exemplified over the last 150 years. As the primary touring ensemble for the university, the Choir has distinguished itself by performing in numerous notable venues across the United States and abroad, including Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. The Hampton University Choir even performed at the second Inauguration of President William Jefferson Clinton in 1997.

I want to congratulate the President of Hampton University, Dr. William R. Harvey, the Director of University Choirs, Omar Dickenson, and the Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs, Dr. Joan Wickham for their years of service and dedication to the Hampton University community. The Hampton University Choir has and continues to be an essential piece of what makes Hampton University so special.

Congratulations to the Hampton University Choir on their 150th anniversary. I wish them many more years of success.

HONORING CALEB OGILVIE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, the Commonwealth of Virginia mourns the loss of Officer Caleb Daniel Ogilvie of the Covington Police Department.

Officer Ogilvie was killed in the line of duty on March 14, 2022, at the age of 35. Though he was taken too soon, his life was evidence

of his noble commitment to protecting the safety and freedom of others above himself.

He was born in Wisconsin to Daniel Raymond Ogilvie and Delora Anne Chambers Ogilvie.

Before serving the City of Covington in law enforcement, Officer Ogilvie served his country for four years in the United States Marine Corps. Two of his tours were spent in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was also a volunteer firefighter and an emergency medical technician for Roanoke County.

Officer Ogilvie was a loving father, husband, son, brother, and friend. Along with his parents, he is survived by his wife, Natasha Erin Ogilvie; and four daughters, Emersyn and Wrenley Ogilvie, and Kileigh and Rilyn Ogilvie and their mother, Malarie Ogilvie. He is also survived by his sister, Abigail Chave, and two brothers, Rian and Benjamin Ogilvie; along with many other beloved close family and friends.

Officer Ogilvie lived a life of self-sacrifice. He was a distinguished public servant who put his life on the line every day as he courageously defended those around him. The death of Officer Ogilvie is a grievous loss to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the City of Covington. I mourn his loss, yet I am grateful that he and the other men and women of law enforcement step forward to protect us knowing full well the risks they face. His bravery and selfless service will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BARBARA ROWELL

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Barbara Rowell of Quincy, Illinois, who passed away in November 2021 at the age of 85.

A native of Quincy, Illinois, Barbara Rowell attended Culver Stockton College where she majored in Speech and Drama and graduated Cum Laude in 1958. During her time at Culver Stockton College, Barbara was active in student theater, Greek life, and was the host of the Culver Stockton Callboard television show. During which, she had the opportunity to interview then President of the Screen Actors Guild, and future President of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

Barbara's passion for the theater and her community led her back to her hometown, Quincy, where she taught Speech and Drama courses at Quincy High School and Central High School. In addition, she was an active leader in the Quincy Live Theater where she held the title of actress, managing and artistic director, and board member. During her tenure at the Quincy Live Theater, she was a part of an estimated 136 productions.

Barbara was not only an iconic figure in the Quincy community but provided critical leadership in improving the Quincy Community Theater. Her accolades demonstrate how her determination and vision did not go unnoticed. Barbara was a 25-year member of the American Association of Community Theaters and recipient of the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award and the City of Quincy Arts Award. The Quincy community has been fortunate to benefit under the leadership of Barbara Rowell.